

## STATE OF NEW MEXICO EXECUTIVE OFFICE SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

## Proclamation

WHEREAS, the State of New Mexico is committed to promoting tolerance and helping to build friendships between the United States and other nations; and

WHEREAS, across the country, thousands of international education and exchange programs, both public and private, campus-based and nationwide, promote the sharing of ideas and experiences across borders; and

WHEREAS, these include study-abroad programs, citizen and scholarly exchanges, foreign students on U.S. campuses, area and foreign language studies, as well as global approaches to U.S. education, that enable our students to participate in the increasingly global marketplaces of economics and ideas; and

WHEREAS, more than 2,000 foreign students currently study at New Mexico colleges and universities; and

WHEREAS, international education is a valuable means of enhancing mutual understanding and acceptance, and holds an important place in the lives of the citizens and institutions of our State;

NOW, THEREFORE I, Bill Richardson, Governor of the State of New Mexico, do hereby proclaim November 16-20, 2009 as:

## "International Education Week"

throughout the State of New Mexico.

Attest:

Mary Herrera Secretary of State Done at the Executive Office this 27<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2009.

Witness my hand and the Great Seal of the Great State of New Mexico

Bill Richardson Governor